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Tumor necrosis factor receptor superfamily member 16 precursor Synonyms

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By immunohistochemistry, p75NTR alone was strongly expressed in TUNEL+/Bcl2- keratinocytes of the regressing outer root sheath, but both p75NTR and TrkB and/or TrkC were expressed by the nonregressing TUNEL-/Bcl2+ secondary hair germ keratinocytes.

Following engraftment, TNF-R-positive cells (i.e. p55 by keratinocytes; p75 by epidermal dendritic cells) were identified throughout the epidermis.

NADE specifically binds to the cell-death domain of p75NTR.

Furthermore, p75NTR regulates RhoA activity to mediate filopodial dynamics.

This study suggests that p75NTR may be a promising antisense target in the treatment of ALS.

This up-regulation of <u>bradykinin</u> binding sites did not occur in neurons from mice lacking p75NTR or in neurons from wild-type mice treated with p75NTR-blocking antibody, indicating that tyrosine kinase receptors alone are not sufficient to trigger this physiological neuronal

response.

Thus, p75NTR induces death regardless of the presence or absence of TrkA expression.

This expression of p75NTR by epithelial target cells required NT-3 but not adult innervation.

In transfected cells, p75NTR activated RhoA, and neurotrophin binding abolished RhoA activation.

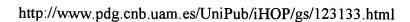












The in vivo kinetics of appearance of <u>p75</u> <b>binding</b> activity paralleled the accumulation of <u>R2 mRNA</u> .	
We now report that at least some mouse <u>p75</u> appears to exist as a disulfide- <b>linked</b> heterodimer with a subunit of Mr 22,000 ( <u>p22</u> ).	*
Furthermore, they are also consistent with the putative role of <u>Necdin</u> in signaling events <b>promoted</b> by <b>p75NTR</b> during mouse nervous system development.	*
Overall, our results indicate an essential role for p75NTR in supporting NGF-triggered TrkA signaling pathways mediating neuronal survival in hippocampal neurons.	
Recently, <u>Necdin</u> and other MAGE proteins were found to <b>interact</b> in vitro with the intracellular domain of the <b>p75NTR</b> neurotrophin receptor, but this interaction has not been validated in vivo.	<b></b>
The neurotrophin-3-induced cell migration was also observed in Schwann cells isolated from sciatic nerves of p75NTR-/- mice, indicating that neurotrophin 3 enhances cell migration through TrkC.	
On the one hand, p75NTR provides a positive modulatory influence on nerve growth factor (NGF) signaling through the high affinity neurotrophin receptor TrkA, and hence increases NGF survival signaling:	
RNA analysis revealed that NGF <u>mRNA</u> was expressed in the pregnant uterus on day 7.5 p.c., mainly in the decidua, but it could not be detected in the EPC. p75NGFR <u>mRNA</u> was expressed in the EPCs, whereas <u>TrkA mRNA</u> was not detected in the placental tissues throughout day 7.5 to 10.5 p.c. We therefore conclude that maternally derived NGF may play a role in mouse placentation by <b>promoting</b> the giant-cell transformation of trophoblast cells through p75NGFR.	
The possible role of <u>p75</u> in the <b>enhanced</b> response to <u>EGF</u> seen in $\underline{c}$ se	
Identification of <u>tumor necrosis factor</u> ( <u>TNF</u> ) amino acids crucial for <b>binding</b> to the murine <u>p75</u> <u>TNF receptor</u> and construction of receptor-selective mutants.	
The zinc finger protein <u>NRIF</u> (neurotrophin receptor <b>interacting</b> factor) was originally identified by virtue of its interaction with the neurotrophin receptor <b>p75NTR</b> and its participation in <u>embryonic</u> apoptosis.	
In vitro, <u>neurotrophin 3</u> <b>binding</b> to p75NTR increases neurite length and filopodial formation of immunopurified subplate <u>neurons</u> , suggesting a role for p75NTR in subplate <u>growth cone</u> morphology and function in vivo.	top
Gene expression for p75NGFR was detected in late-meiotic spermatocytes and early <u>spermatids</u> and was found to be <b>co-expressed</b> with <u>trkB</u> and <u>trkC</u> , two tyrosine kinase receptors, commonly regarded as the high-affinity receptors for brain-derived neurotrophic factor and neurotrophin-3.	*
Neurotrophin effects on <u>neuroblastoma</u> cells: correlation with <u>trk</u> and p75NTR expression and influence of <u>Trk</u> receptor bodies.	
Co-expression of NADE and p75NTR induced caspase-2 and caspase-3 activities and the fragmentation of nuclear DNA in 293T cells.	<u></u>
In Chinese hamster ovary cells, inhibitors of the MEK/ERK and p38 MAP kinase pathways uncovered distinct signaling pathways required for the constitutive and <b>stimulated</b> shedding of p75NTR.	

We now show that nerve growth factor but not brain-derived neurotrophic factor or neurotrophin-3 selectively increases the expression of bradykinin binding sites on cultured dorsal root ganglion neurons from adult mouse via p75NTR. However, in contrast to WldS mice, in 12.75(-/-) mice we observed the \_\_\_\_ characteristic lesion-induced invasion of macrophages and the upregulation of low-affinity neurotrophin receptor <u>p75</u> (p75LNTR) mRNA levels identical to those of {L-6(+/+) mice. In contrast, overexpression of Rab13 mutants impaired the transport of Claudin-1, but not LDLR and p75NTR. In this report, we provide evidence that NGF and BONF have functionally antagonistic actions on sympathetic neuron growth and target innervation, with NGF acting via TrkA to promote growth and BONE via p75NTR to inhibit growth. c-fun is essential for sympathetic neuronal death induced by NGF withdrawal but not by p75 activation. p75 neurotrophin receptor signaling regulates growth cone filopodial dynamics through modulating RhoA activity. Nerve growth factor regulates the expression of bradykinin binding sites on adult sensory neurons via the neurotrophin receptor p75. Antibodies that block binding of NGF to the p75 receptor prevented NGF-induced NF-kappaB activation and reduced the NGF survival response to the same extent as superrepressor IkappaB-alpha. Furthermore, p75 mutant neurons display reduced levels of activated RhoA compared with wild-type counterparts, consistent with the enhanced filopodial lengths observed on mutant growth cones. Despite the reduced neurotrophin transport, cholinergic neurons of p75 nerve growth factor receptor-deficient mice were larger than controls and had an apparently normal density of immunostaining for choline acetyltransferase. Immunoprecipitation of MYB proteins with an antiserum specific for exons 8 and 9 revealed a 74 kDa protein which co-precipitated and appeared to be complexed with p75 in normal hematopoietic cells and with the 48 kDa product of v-myb in leukemic cells. Both exogenous and autocrine **BDNF** mediate this effect via p75NTR because (1) BONF does not inhibit growth of neurons lacking p75NTR. (2) function-blocking p75NTR antibodies enhance NGF-mediated growth, and (3) p75NTR-/- sympathetic neurons grow more robustly in response to NGF than do their wild-type counterparts. Mol. Cell. Biol., 11, 5113-5124), and that its phosphotyrosine content is .... increased cooperatively by c-src overexpression and EGF stimulation. p75 is rapidly (within 2 min) phosphorylated on tyrosine upon EGF treatment and undergoes a second, prolonged phase of tyrosyl phosphorylation from 7 to 21 h after EGF addition, suggesting that tyrosyl phosphorylation of p75 is important for late as well as early events following EGF receptor activation. The p75 neurotrophin receptor influences NT-3 responsiveness of sympathetic neurons in vivo. The p75 neurotrophin receptor has been implicated in neurotrophin binding and signaling for both NGF and NT3.

Surprisingly, most sets of trkA-dependent sensory innervation are

suppressed by trkB perhaps interacting with p75.

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In addition, <u>necdin</u> and <u>MAGE-G1</u> interacted with the <u>p75</u> neurotrophin receptor via its distinct intracellular domains.	
Levels of <u>nerve growth factor</u> and <u>neurotrophin-3</u> are <u>affected</u> differentially by the presence of <u>p75</u> in sympathetic <u>neurons</u> in vivo.	\$
In the presence of a mild detergent, the <u>Fgr</u> was <b>co-immunoprecipitated</b> with a 75 kDa protein ( <u>p75</u> ) and several other molecules expressed on the cell surface membrane.	
Both antibody were found to synergize on 4AS cells, as a result of a cooperative mechanism in which 33B3.1 blocks the formation of the high affinity complex hence allowing TU27 to bind with higher affinity, and TU27 blocks 112 binding to the p75 chain.	<u>*</u>
We describe a novel 75 Kd sequence-specific cytoplasmic factor (p75) that binds selectively to a 83-nucleotide 3'-untranslated region of R2 mRNA and did not bind to the 5'UTR, the coding region of the R2 message or to the 3'UTRs of other mRNAs (from c-myc, GM-CSF and the iron responsive element from the transferrin receptor mRNA), or to the homopolymer poly(A) sequence. p75-RNA binding activity, which requires new protein synthesis, is not present in untreated cells, but is induced following TGF-beta 1 stimulation.	
<u>P75</u> interacts with the <u>Nogo receptor</u> as a co-receptor for Nogo, MAG and <u>OMgp</u> .	
In contrast, both <u>p55</u> and <u>p75</u> mAbs individually <b>blocked</b> development of <u>skin necrosis</u> in mice treated with murine <u>TNF-alpha</u> .	
GM-6001 also inhibited the release of soluble <u>TNF</u> receptor ( <u>p75</u> ) from peripheral blood mononuclear cells <b>stimulated</b> with endotoxin and/or <u>TNF alpha</u> .	
Quantitative RT-PCR analysis further showed that upregulation of $\underline{TNF}_{\circ}$ alpha transport was related to increased expression of $\underline{mRNA}$ for $\underline{p55}$ and $\underline{p75}$ receptors.	*
Results indicated that both <u>P55</u> and <u>P75</u> receptors are required for FB1-induced hepatotoxicity and <u>TNFaipha</u> plays an important role in such response in mouse <u>liver</u> .	<u>**</u> *
In contrast, <u>brain-derived neurotrophic factor</u> ( <u>BDNF</u> ) <b>binding</b> to <u>p75</u> resulted in an equivalent level of apoptosis in <u>neurons</u> expressing Cre, GFP, and uninfected cells.	<u></u>
This study tests the specific role of $\underline{p$5}$ and $\underline{p75}$ receptors in mediating the <b>transport</b> of $\underline{TNF}$ -alpha across the blood-spinal cord barrier (BSCB) after SCI by compression.	
In ob/ob mice, <u>p55</u> and <u>p75</u> tumor necrosis factor-alpha receptors (TNFRs) act cooperatively to <b>induce</b> <u>PAI-1 mRNA</u> in most tissues, including the adipose tissue, kidney, heart, and liver.	_ <u>*</u>
il_4 induces il_2 receptor p75 beta-chain gene expression and IL-2-dependent proliferation in mouse <u>Tlymphocytes</u> :	
These data suggest that the amino terminal region of the ${1\!\!1.2}$ molecule interacts with the ${\bf p75}$ chain of the ${1\!\!1.2}$ receptor.	
Deletion of <u>TNFR2</u> ( <u>p75</u> ) did not have an <u>effect</u> ; deletion of <u>TNFR1</u> ( <u>p55</u> ) reduced the diffuse microglial staining for MHC1-IR but did not abolish the MHC1(+) microglial nodules.	
Nerve growth factor (NGF), <u>brain-derived neurotrophic factor</u> ( <u>BDNF</u> ), and <u>neurotrophin-3</u> ( <u>NT-3</u> ) selectively <u>bind</u> to distinct members of the <u>Trk</u> family of <u>tyrosine kinase receptors</u> , but all three bind with similar affinities to the neurotrophin receptor p75 (p75NTR).	<u></u>
These results suggest that <u>necdin</u> and <u>MAGE-G1</u> target both <u>E2F1</u>	<u>*</u>

and p75 to regulate cell viability during brain development. Combined stimulation with IFN-gamma/LPS enhances <a href="#">!L-12 p40</a> secretion and induces 11-12 p75 secretion by microglia. top Two inhibitors of anti-CD3 induced TNF release; steroids and pentoxifyiline both reduced TNF levels and P75 levels without affecting P55 levels. because pretreatment with NAC (1 g/kg, orally), before LPS injection in mice, inhibited peak 12-12 p75 serum levels without affecting those of p40. The detection of p75 receptors in the mesenchyme implies that neurotrophins are likely to exert effects during morphogenesis of mesodermal tissues and that separate signals are likely to direct neuronal versus nonneuronal expression of the p75 gene. TU27, a mouse IgG1 mAb directed at the p75 chain of the human IL-2R, was analyzed for its ability to interact with 12-2 binding on isolated p75 chains (YT-2C2 cells) and high affinity p55/p75 receptors (human alloreactive T cell clone 4AS), to inhibit IL-2-induced proliferation (4AS) cells) and to cooperate with an anti-p55 chain mAb (33B3.1) for inhibiting 11.-2 binding and proliferation. Previous studies have indicated that high-affinity interleukin 2 receptors (IL-2R) are comprised of at least two distinct noncovalently associated subunits of Mr 55,000 (p\$\$) and Mr 75,000 (p75). These results indicate that the level of p75 is integral in determining the level of sympathetic NGF and that NGF competes with NT3 by increasing the expression of p75 and decreasing the expression of trkC. In addition, our findings reveal several distinctive features of p75 **\*** mRNA and trkA mRNA expression in sympathetic neurons compared with sensory neurons and provide a plausible explanation for previously observed differences in the effects of a p75 null mutation on the response of sensory and sympathetic neurons during embryonic and postnatal development. Furthermore, although no endogenous 12-2 production was detected. p75 was readily cross-linked to p55 for EL4J-3.4, a p55 transfectant of EL4 that bears high affinity IL-2R. Mutation of Asp20 in human interleukin-2 (it.-2) to Lys is known to result in an 12-2 molecule with unchanged binding to the 255 subunit of the 12-2 receptor, but with greatly decreased affinity for the p75 subunit (Collins, L., Tsien, W.-H., Seals, C. et al. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci USA 1988. 85: 7709). Soluble tumor necrosis factor (TNF) receptors p55 and p75 and interleukin-10 downregulate TNF-alpha activity during the lung response to silica particles in NMRI mice. We tested the hypothesis that p75 is involved in this sympathetic sprouting by comparing sprouting following sciatic nerve cut in wildtype (CD1) and p75 knockout mice. Antibody-mediated blockade of CD120a (p55) completely inhibited NO2- expression in response to TNFalpha, whereas blockade of CD128b (p75) reduced NO2-accumulation by approximately 50%. TNFR-1 (p55) and Fas share a death domain which is critical for apoptosis signaling whereas TNFR-p55 and TNFR-2 (p75) can activate NF-kappaB leading to anti-apoptotic proteins expression such

as A1.

Specific antibody-mediated aggregation of <u>CD120a</u> (<u>p55</u>) **induced** NO2- accumulation in culture supernatants and <u>iNOS</u> mRNA expression in <u>macrophage</u> lysates, whereas cross-linking of <u>CD120b</u> (<u>p75</u>) had a minimal effect.



In the ob/ob mice, the absence of  $\underline{p55}$  caused a significant improvement in insulin sensitivity.  $\underline{p75}$  deficiency alone did not affect insulin sensitivity but might potentiate the **effects** of  $\underline{p55}$  deficiency in animals lacking both TNFRs.



Specific ligation of <u>CD120a</u> (<u>p55</u>) with either (i) human <u>TNFalpha</u> or (ii) by incubation with mouse <u>TNFalpha</u> following pretreatment of <u>macrophages</u> with **blocking** concentrations of anti-CD120b (<u>p75</u>) antibody resulted in a similar reduction in NO2- production in response to <u>TNFalpha</u>.



We thus studied the effect of reduced glutathione (GSH) and N-acetyl-cysteine (NAC) on <u>IL-12 p75</u> production by human THP-1 cell stimulated with <u>IFN-gamma</u> and Staphylococcus aureus Cowan strain I (SAC), using ELISAs specific for <u>IL-12 p75</u> or the <u>p40</u> subunit.



Animal experiments comparing the tetravalent and bivalent  $\mathfrak{g}55$  fusions and the **effects** of the CH1 domain did not show significant differences in their ability to protect mice from endotoxin-induced lethality, although the  $\mathfrak{g}55$  fusion proteins appeared to be more protective than the  $\mathfrak{g}75$  fusion proteins.



The similarity of the relationship between this intramembrane p75 and/or LySC and the cytoplasmic Fgr to the relationships previously reported between T cell antigen receptor complex including CD4 and CD8 coreceptors, and Lck or Fyn in T cells and between surface IgM and Lyn or Bik in B cells suggested that the Fgr and p75 or LySC are indeed associated each other and responsible for recognition of extracellular substances (either cellular or non-cellular) and for signal transduction.



While alpha <u>p55</u> injected i.c.v. **induced** a marked elevation in CS and <u>IL-6</u>, alpha <u>p75</u> induced CS (although less than alpha <u>p55</u>) but no <u>IL-6</u>. rmTNF, which binds both receptors, was more potent in inducing <u>IL-6</u> and CS than injection of rhTNF, which in mice binds only <u>p55</u>.



TrkA and mitogen-activated protein kinase phosphorylation are enhanced in sympathetic neurons lacking functional p75 neurotrophin receptor expression.



Overexpression of <u>Rab3B</u> mutants inhibited the cell-surface transport of <u>LDLR</u>, but not p75NTR and <u>Claudin-1</u>.



These data indicate an initiating role of ceramide generated by <u>neutral sphingomyelinase</u> in the diverse neuronal responses **induced** by **binding** of neurotrophins to p75.



The role of the <u>p75</u> nerve growth factor receptor in the retrograde transport of <u>neurotrophins</u> in the adult CNS was investigated by comparing the transport of 125I-labeled <u>neurotrophins</u> by normal and <u>p75</u> nerve growth factor receptor-deficient cholinergic septohippocampal <u>neurons</u>.



Human TNFalpha binds to and activates the murine p55 receptor, but not the p75 receptor.



<u>Tumor necrosis factor</u> (TNF) **promotes** multiple aspects of allograft rejection via **binding** to type 1 (<u>p55</u>) and type 2 (<u>p75</u>) receptors.



The only molecular mechanism proposed thus far to explain this effect



is the process of "ligand passing," whereby  $\overline{\texttt{INF}}$  is concentrated at cell surfaces by **binding** to  $\underline{\textbf{p75}}$  and then following dissociation from this receptor class **binds** with high efficiency to  $\underline{\textbf{p55}}$ .

Receptor binding studies suggested that neutralization resulted from <u>cA2</u> **blocking** of TNF **binding** to both <u>p55</u> and <u>p75</u> TNF receptors on the cells.

Studies on the formation of high-affinity 11.-2 binding sites of an 11.-2 receptor p55 + p75 heterodimeric complex: functional importance of a determinant on the 955 subunit defined by a monoclonal antibody AHT-107.

Moreover, the effect of cAMP on <u>IL-2</u> binding to <u>p75</u> subunits is post-transcriptional, because the steady state levels of <u>p75</u> mRNA expression are not altered within a time interval that **produced** nearly a 50% reduction in <u>p75</u> binding.

The aim of this work was to study the relative role of the two TNF receptors (p55 and p75) in the central actions of TNF, studying the elevation of serum corticosterone (CS) and 11.-5 levels after injection of recombinant murine (rm)TNF (intracerebroventricularly (i.c.v.)) in normal or p55-deficient (p55 -/-) mice. rmTNF induced high serum 11.-6 levels and doubled serum CS in normal mice, whereas no elevation of serum 11.-6 or CS was induced in p55 -/- mice.

Inhibition could be mediated by either the p75NTR or TrkA receptor.

Primary olfactory axons form ectopic glomeruli in mice lacking p75NTR.

Apoptosis induced by p75NTR overexpression requires Jun kinase-dependent phosphorylation of Bad.

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At birth, and at 6 weeks of age, afferent fibers are intensely immunoreactive for both p75NTR and TrkC.

High-dose NGF may induce cytoplasmic relocation of the receptor TrkA and axonal growth arrest independently of p75NTR.

After a perinatal switch, however, <u>Markel cells</u> in <u>whiskers</u> of newborn mice are immunoreactive for p75NTR, <u>TrkC</u> and NT-3.

The aim of this study was to determine whether neural precursors in vivo show cell cycle phase-dependent changes in expression of p75NTR and Ret.

However, no promotion of neuronal commitment by <u>BDNF</u> was observed in the neural precursor cells from mice carrying a mutation in the p75NTR gene.

These observations suggest that neurotrophins regulate filopodial dynamics by depressing the activation of RhoA that occurs through p75NTR signaling.

We have studied disease progression of <u>hSOD1</u> (G93A) mice in the absence of the p75NTR receptor and we monitored histological

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changes in the ventral spinal cord.

The common neurotrophin receptor (p75NGFR) can signal in vitro through activation of the column N-terminal kinase (JNK) pathway and

through activation of the <u>c\_lin</u> N-terminal kinase (JNK) pathway and nuclear translocation of NFKappaB.

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When the same series of tumor cells were injected into the flanks of <u>SCID</u> mice, the growth of prostate tumors was suppressed in proportion to increased p75NTR expression.

Overexpression of this fragment in heterologous cells results in

activation of <u>Jun kinase</u> and induces Pro-caspase-3 cleavage, indicating that it activates p75NTR signaling cascades.

We examined the hypothesis that hyperglycemia-induced changes in <u>Cay-1</u> expression and **p75NTR** signaling may contribute to altered neurotrophism in DPN by modulating SC responses to neurogulins.



Cellular colocalization also revealed **p75NTR** immunoreactivity on neighboring blood vessels and cells in the injured nerve, but not on activated <u>GFAP</u>+ astrocytes or alphaMbeta2+ microglia and macrophages.



On the other hand, digoxigenylated 192lgG was found to be an excellent immunocytochemical marker for p75NTR as shown by double labelling including highly sensitive mouse antibodies directed against ChAT.



These data further reveal that an absence of p75NTR function in trigeminal sensory neurons does not diminish their capacity for NGF-dependent plasticity, namely <a href="mailto:trikkamana">trikkamana</a> expression and collateral growth of central afferent axons.



Explants cultured with glial-derived neurotrophic factor (GDNF) exhibited a striking increase in the amount of p75NTR- and PGP 9.5-positive tissue outside the lobes, whereas GDNF-impregnated beads attracted neuronal precursors and influenced the direction of neurite extension.



In this study, we show that overexpression of p75NTR in primary cortical neurons, in pheochromocytoma cell line (PC12) cells, and in glioma cells results in activation of <u>Jun kinase</u> (JNK), accumulation of <u>cytochrome c</u> within the cytosol, and activation of <u>caspases</u> 9, 6, and 3.



Stimulated p75NTR shedding is abrogated in M2 mutant Chinese hamster ovary cells that lack functional tumor necrosis factor-alpha converting enzyme (TACE, also referred to as ADAM17) and in cells isolated from adam17-/- mice, but not in cells from adam9/12/15-/- or adam10-/- mice.



We report here that the spatial and temporal expression of p75NTR is included in Necdin expression domain.



Experiments with p75NTR-null mutant mice showed that immediate Rho activation after SCI is p75NTR dependent.



The p75 receptor for TNF and intercellular adhesion molecule 1 have a negligible role in this toxic shock model.



The promoter region of the murine p75 TNF receptor (TNF-R) was



isolated from a mouse genomic DNA cosmid library.



BDNF is present in the pineal gland during target innervation, and incoming sympathetic axons are p75NTR positive.



In cultured neonatal sympathetic <u>neurons</u>, <u>p53 protein</u> levels are elevated in response to both NGF withdrawal and <u>p75NTR</u> activation.



We show that p75NTR is expressed at highest levels in the region of the cerebellum where foliation is altered in BDNF and NT3 mutants.



Absence of p75NTR causes increased basal <u>forebrain</u> cholinergic <u>neuron</u> size, <u>choline acetyltransferase</u> activity, and target innervation.



Nerve growth factor blocks the glucose-induced down-regulation of caveolin-1 expression in Schwann cells via p75 neurotrophin receptor



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signaling.

ě	Preliminary results suggest that upregulation of the soluble <u>p75 TNF</u> receptor may be one mechanism by which <u>TNF-alpha</u> bioactivity reduction occurs.	*
á	Reductions in p75NTR expression and subsequent <u>caspase-3</u> activation in spinal cords were consistent with increased survival in antisense PNA-treated mice.	<u>_</u>
ſ	vieurotrophins (NTs) bind to two different classes of cell surface eceptors, Trk receptor tyrosine kinases and p75NTR, both of which are expressed by neuroblastoma cells.	<u>\$</u> .
t	Here, we investigated whether and when the cholinergic <u>neurons</u> of the <u>neostriatum</u> , which express <u>TrkA</u> and p75NGFR during early costnatal times, undergo p75NGFR-mediated death.	<u>\$</u>
ı	Although neither <u>TrkA</u> nor <b>p75NTR</b> was detectable in either HCC or normal hepatic cells, TrkA was shown in the walls of tumor-associated <u>arteries</u> that contain abundant <u>nerve fibers</u> .	
•	Post-ganglionic sympathetic <u>neurons</u> from postnatal day 1 <b>p75NTR</b> exon III null mutant ( <u>p75(-/-))</u> and 129/SvJ mice were cultured in the presence of 50 ng/mL <u>NGF</u> and analysed by <u>Western blotting</u> .	
	When 70W cells were exposed to <u>antisense oligonucleotides</u> directed against p75NTR mRNA, there was a reduction in NGF and <u>NT-3</u> binding, and the <u>neurotrophins</u> failed to enhance Matrigel nvasion.	
1	To investigate this further, we examined the consequences of peripheral immune stimulation without specific <u>autoantigen</u> in wild-type or transgenic (termed GF-IL12) mice with <u>astrocyte</u> production of the bloactive <u>IL-12 p75</u> heterodimer.	
1	We measured APP products and mRNAs for NGF and its low-affinity eceptor p75 in 10-month-old Tg2576 whole brain after dietary propentofylline (PPF) or acetyl-L-carnitine (ALCAR) for 4 weeks to induce NGF- or p75-expression, respectively.	
(	Enhanced tyrosyl phosphorylation of <u>p75</u> is also seen when cells overexpressing <u>c-src</u> are treated with platelet-derived growth factor PDGF), but significantly less phosphorylation is observed with insulin and <u>fibroblast</u> growth factor (FGF).	
(	n order to gain insight into specific roles for <u>TrkC</u> NC2 receptors during CNS neurogenesis, we compared its distribution with that of its catalytic counterparts and the p75NTR receptor in in vivo and in vitro model systems of early and late neuronal differentiation.	
(	Jsing antisera that recognize undifferentiated neural-crest-derived cells p75NTR) and differentiated neurons (PGPS.5), we examined the colonisation of the murine large intestine by neural-crest-derived cells and the development of the myenteric and submucosal plexuses.	
1	We have used immunofluorescence techniques with a panel of antibodies against known neurotrophin receptors (trk A, trk B, trk C, o.75NTR) to map the locations of these receptors in the developing neuromuscular system of mice from our neurotrophin-3 (NT-3) knockout colony.	
ţ	Comparisons of <u>calcitonin gene-related peptide</u> immunoreactivity in the dorsal horn revealed that the area occupied by DRG central processes was not significantly different between p75NTR may pomorphic mice and wild-type siblings, or between NGF transgenic mice with either hypomorphic or normal expression of p75NTR.	<u></u>
	n these mice, cells expressing cholinergic neuron markers, such as choline acetyltransferase, vesicular acetylcholine transporter and p75	

low-affinity NGF receptor, were markedly reduced in the basal <u>forebrain</u>, whereas other cholinergic neurons including brain stem and spinal motor neurons expressed the markers.

Studies from this laboratory have shown that the interstitial population of mesenchymal cells in fetal and newborn mouse testis express the p75 neurotrophin receptor (p75NTR, formerly known as the low-affinity nerve growth factor receptor); part of the cell population progressively congregates around testis cords, later to be replaced by contractile peritubular myoid cells, which express smooth muscle cell markers.

In both animal models absence of p75NTR led to a twofold, early increase in the number of CD3+.

To a lesser extent, <u>p75</u> decreases <u>Abeta</u> peptides, possibly via peptidases since sAPPalpha level is not changed.

No significant changes in NgR mRNA levels were observed in impy, where the increase in p75 level can be correlated with the cell death of oligodendrocytes.

Analysis of a <u>neural crest</u> marker, <u>p75</u>, in rae28-deficient mice revealed that the <u>neural crest</u> cells begin to ectopically express <u>Hoxb3</u> after leaving the <u>hindbrain</u>.

Mice with a targeted deletion of the low-affinity neurotrophin receptor p75 (p75-/-) exhibit a 50% loss of large- and small-diameter sensory neurons in the dorsal root ganglion.

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Low-affinity nerve growth factor receptor (p75NGFR)- and choline acetyltransferase (ChAT)-immunoreactive axons in the cerebral cortex and hippocampus of adult macaque monkeys and humans.

In contrast, exacerbated pulmonary <u>inflammation</u> and dramatically increased endotoxin induced serum TNF levels in mice lacking <u>p75</u> suggest a dominant role for <u>p75</u> in suppressing TNF-mediated inflammatory responses.

The induction of p75NTR expression in mature degenerating spinal motor neurons of humans and transgenic mice with <u>amyotrophic</u> <u>lateral sclerosis (ALS)</u> suggests a role of p75NTR in the progression of motor neuron disease (MND).

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During cyclophosphamide-induced follicle dystrophy and <u>alopecia</u>, massive keratinocyte apoptosis occurred in the entire proximal hair bulb, except in the dermal papilla, despite a strong up-regulation of <u>Bax</u> and p75NTR immunoreactivity.

Here, we demonstrate that mice exposed to CSH from P3 to <u>P33</u> followed by normoxia from <u>P33</u> to <u>P75</u> continue to exhibit a locomotor hyperactivity that resembles behavioral changes observed in some human children with very low birth weights.

Next, we examined the role of the  $\underline{p75}$  neurotrophin receptor (p75NTR) in Rho signaling.

Mutants in the <u>BDNF receptor</u> gene <u>trkB</u> and antibodies to its second receptor p75NTR have been used to determine the receptors and cells involved in this response.

The chemical properties of <u>p75</u> and its expression by the cell types so far examined indicate that <u>p75</u> is a possible candidate for the guineapig homologue of the murine Lyt-1 antigen.

Moreover, neuroprotection by <u>NGF</u> against glutamate toxicity was abolished in p75NTR-/- neurons, and the expression of <u>bcl-2</u> and <u>bcl-xf</u> was markedly reduced as compared to wildtype cells.

affinity NGF receptor in nerve terminals within the mesenteric artery were also reduced, whereas that of the sensory neuron neuropeptide, calcitonin gene related peptide was less affected.	
Indeed, expression of <u>CRB3</u> or of a chimera containing the extracellular domain of the neurotrophin receptor p75NTR and the transmembrane and cytoplasmic domains of <u>CRB3</u> led to a slower development of functional tight junctions in Madin-Darby canine kidney cells.	<u></u>
The segregation of polymorphic alleles at and around loci for p75NGFR, TRKB, BDNF, and familial dysautonomia (another hereditary sensory neuropathy having features in common with HSN II) virtually excluded these genes as the cause of HSN II in this family.	<b>*</b>
Nerve growth factor (NGF), <u>neurotrophin-3</u> , <u>neurotrophin-4</u> , and brain-derived neurotrophin exert their survival effect by binding to two transmembrane receptor types: <u>trk</u> receptors, which exhibit binding specificity, and the p75NTR receptor, which binds all <u>neurotrophins</u> .	
In studies aimed at identifying and characterizing pp60c-src substrates that participate in the enhanced mitogenic response to	

family, <u>caspase-8</u> was not required for p75-mediated death, unlike other members of this receptor family.

We show that the marked increase in <u>p75</u> and <u>trkA mRNA</u> expression that occurs between E11 and E13 in normal <u>embryos</u> takes place on time and to the same extent in NGF-/- embryos.

This means that NGF-induced <u>hyperalgesia</u> can occur in the absence of the <u>p75</u> receptor and suggests that the <u>trkA</u> receptor is sufficient to mediate the acute noxious action of NGF.

During hair follicle (HF) morphogenesis, <u>p75</u> neurotrophin receptor (p75NTR) reportedly is the first growth factor receptor found to be expressed by those fibrobiasts that later develop into the dermal papilla (DP) of the HF.

We used quantitative reverse transcription (RT)/PCR to study the regulation of <u>p75 mRNA</u> and <u>trkA mRNA</u> expression in the developing sympathetic neurons of the mouse superior cervical <u>sympathetic</u> ganglion (SCG) in vivo and in vitro.

Western blot analysis showed that a protein with an approximate molecular weight of 75 kDa (p75), which was distinct from Vn, existed in the nuclear fraction, and, more specifically, in the nuclear matrix fraction, of NIH3T3 cells.

In vivo, pilocarpine-induced seizures, previously shown to up-regulate <u>p75</u> expression and increase neurotrophin production, caused activation of <u>caspase-6</u> and -3 and cleavage of poly(ADP-ribose) polymerase in p75-expressing hippocampal <u>neurons</u>.

To examine the mechanisms that underlie the neurotrophin-induced, apoptosis-driven <u>hair folicle</u> involution (catagen), the expression and function of <u>p75</u> neurotrophin receptor (p75NTR), which is implicated in apoptosis control, were studied during spontaneous catagen development in murine skin.

NGF has the potential to stimulate the growth of some <u>pancreatic</u> <u>cancer</u> cell lines, and this effect is mediated by the phosphorylation of tyrosine kinase receptor A and mitogen-activated protein kinase activation; it is dependent on the expression levels of tyrosine kinase receptor A and p75 receptors.

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Macrophages expressed NGF and the NGF receptors TrkA and p75.

cAMP regulation of 11...2 receptor expression. Selective modulation of the p75 subunit.

Both <u>p75</u> and <u>p140</u> molecules are known to be involved in the formation of <u>NGF receptors</u>.

The <u>p75</u> protein, termed <u>ZAN75</u>, exhibited DNA-binding activity in a zinc-dependent manner.

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The cells of the intercalated ducts showed  $\underline{p75}$  IR (sublingual) and TrkA IR (parotid gland).

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Cells in lymphoid aggregates expressed both <u>TNF-R</u>, but with a predominant expression of <u>p75</u> receptor.

Monoclonal antibody defining a molecule possibly identical to the <u>p75</u> subunit of <u>interleukin 2 receptor</u>.

Under conditions of low  $\underline{p75}$  expression, Lys-20  $\underline{11-2}$  could act as an antagonist of wild-type  $\underline{11-2}$  action.

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Using RT-PCR, we observed increased expression (2.4-fold) of <u>TNF</u> receptor 2 (p75) in the hypothalamus of obese mice.

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Etanercept is a fusion protein, composed of the Fc portion of 1961 and the extracellular domain of the TNF receptor (p75). Monoclonal antibodies specific for murine p5\$ and p75 tumor necrosis factor receptors: identification of a novel in vivo role for p75 Finally, ovariectomy caused bone loss in wt mice and in mice lacking p75 TNF receptor but failed to do so in mice lacking the p55 TNF receptor. Finally, secretion of the 11-12 p75 heterodimer was detectable by ELISA from astrocytes treated with LPS plus IFN-gamma, but not with LPS alone. Neurotrophin receptor-interacting MAGE (NRAGE) is the most recently identified p75 neurotrophin receptor (p75(NTR)) intracellular binding protein. By contrast, in double knockout mice lacking both p\$5 and p75 receptors, the entry of (125)I-TNFalpha into brain and spinal cord was completely abolished. Cytotoxicity in L929 murine fibrosarcoma cells after triggering of transfected human p75 tumour necrosis factor (TNF) receptor is mediated by endogenous murine TNF. The neurotrophin receptor p75NTR is the coreceptor for Nogo receptor, mediating growth cone collapse in vitro by MAG, myelin oligodenárocyte glycoprotein (Omgp), and Nogo. Furthermore, we have shown that the insolubilised synthetic peptide corresponding P-ITIM bound Shc, Lyn and the p75 and p 10 unidentified tyrosine phosphorylated proteins. Furthermore, p75NTR/NADE-induced cell death was dependent on NGF but not BDNF, NT-3, or NT-4/5, and the recruitment of NADE to p75NTR (intracellular domain) was dose-dependent. In p75(-/-) mice, no activated caspase-3 was detected, and there was a marked reduction in the number of dying neurons after pilocarpine treatment compared with wild type mice. Transcytosis of 125I-TNF-alpha across a monolayer of the cerebral endothelial cells that compose the blood-brain barrier was significantly reduced in the absence of functional p55 and p75 receptors. PURPOSE: To investigate the distribution of p75 and p55 tumor --\* necrosis factor receptor (TNFR) mRNA in normal mouse eyes and in mouse eyes acutely infected with McKrae strain herpes simplex virus (HSV). The effect of TNF alpha is mediated by two membrane receptors carried on the surface of target cells (TNF-RI p55 and TNF-RII p75) which are released into the biological fluids (synovial fluid and plasma). Furthermore, given the species-specific nature of the mouse p75 TNF receptor, it is assumed that the pathology induced by human TNF in these transgenic mice is associated exclusively with p55 TNF receptor signaling. To better understand the role of the p75 receptor in the events ... following nerve injury, we have compared apoptosis in injured sciatic nerves of adult mice lacking functional p75 receptors and Balb-C (wildtype) mice. top <u>...\\...</u> Both a nontumorigenic clone, B2BE2, and a tumorigenic clone, B2BE6,

expressed comparable amounts of gp185erbB-2, which became phosphorylated on tyrosine in response to treatment with the c-erbB-2 ligands gp30 and p75.

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Expression of the neurotrophin receptor <u>p75</u> receptor coincides with the expression of <u>activating transcription factor 3</u>, a member of the activating transcription factor/cyclic AMP family of stress transcription factors.

Aside from well-described dopamine and serotonin receptor blockade effects, clozapine may also be neuroprotective through its modulation of the <u>p75</u> neurotrophin receptor (p75(NTR)) and <u>superoxide</u> dismutase 1 (SOD1) expression.

In dissociated cultures of sympathetic neuroblasts, <u>retinoic acid</u> inhibited the developmental increase in <u>trkA mRNA</u> expression and the developmental decrease in <u>trkC mRNA</u> expression that normally occurs in these cells but did not affect <u>p75 mRNA</u> expression.

The 75-kDa protein was purified and analyzed by matrix-assisted laser desorption ionization time-of-flight mass spectrometry followed by postsource-decay profiling. <u>p75</u> is a novel type I transmembrane protein of the Ig superfamily which is most similar to <u>FPRP</u>.

Verifying that TNF is essential to development of particle <u>osteolysis</u>, mice failing to express both the <u>p55</u> and <u>p75 TNF receptors</u> are protected from the profound bone resorption attending polymenthylmethacrylate particle implantation on calvariae of wild-type animals.

Nerve growth factor receptor <u>p75</u> (<u>NGFR</u>) gene was investigated as a potential candidate gene in Meckel <u>syndrome</u> (MKS) because of its important role in embryonic development, chromosomal localization adjacent to the <u>MKS</u> locus and Meckel syndrome-resembling findings in knock-out mice phenotype.

Neurotrophin binding to the  $\underline{p75}$  receptor modulates  $\underline{Rho}$  activity and axonal outgrowth.

Differentiating enteric <u>neurons</u> showed high <u>Ret</u>, low <u>p75</u>, and undetectable <u>Sox10</u> immunostaining.

Necdin-related MAGE <u>proteins</u> differentially interact with the <u>E2F1</u> <u>transcription factor</u> and the <u>p75</u> neurotrophin receptor.

We tested this hypothesis by instilling E. coli into the <u>lungs</u> of wild-type (WT) mice and gene-targeted mice that lack both <u>pSS</u> and <u>p75</u> receptors for <u>TNF-alpha</u>.

METHODS: We performed a <u>contact hypersensitivity</u> (CHS) assay on gene-targeted mutant mice (TNFR1R2-/-) lacking genes for both receptors (p55 and p75) for TNF-alpha.

In contrast, mice with targeted deletion of the <u>\$55</u> or <u>p75</u> TNF receptor, or of <u>interleukin-18</u>, displayed normal or higher pain sensitivity compared to their respective controls.

We conclude that the neural crest cell population that arises from the vagal level of the neural axis and that populates the stomach, midgut, and hindgut expresses Phox2b, Ret, and p75.

In accordance with previous data, we also find <u>neurotrophins</u> in the targets of <u>sensory neurons</u> (skin) and motoneurons (<u>muscle</u>) and the <u>neurotrophin receptors p75</u>, <u>trkA</u>, and <u>trkB</u> in sensory and <u>sympathetic ganglia</u>.

The location and sequence of appearance of enteric <u>neuron</u> precursors deduced from the explants grown under the kidney capsule or in <u>organ culture</u> was very similar to that seen with the <u>Phox2b</u>, <u>Ret</u>, and <u>p75</u> antisera.

Among many MAGE proteins, magphinins are closely related to NRAGE, which mediates p75 neurotrophin receptor-dependent apoptosis, and necdin, which is a strong suppressor of cell proliferation in post-mitotic neurons. To elucidate the role that specific proinflammatory cytokines play in the induction of this process we examined the development of EAE in mice with targeted disruptions of the TNF p55 or p75 or the 11-1 p80 receptors. All three types of mice (255 deficient, 275 deficient, and normal) showed comparable rises in the levels of two acute-phase proteins (serum amyloid P and C3) at 24, 48, and 72 h after the experimental infections, and all of the mice showed comparable influxes of neutrophils to the site of infection. TNF-alpha signaling through the p55 receptor (but not the p75 receptor) is crucial in resisting S. pneumoniae infections, because intraperitoneal injection of 100 CFU/mouse killed p55-deficient mice by day 2 of infection, whereas 1,000,000 CFU/mouse was needed to kill half of the control mice. p55-deficient mice do not show evidence of a deficient acute-phase response. top The p75 receptor transduces the signal from myelin-associated .... glycoprotein to Rho. Mice deficient in tumor necrosis factor receptors p55 and p75, interleukin-4, or inducible nitric oxide synthase are susceptible to endotoxin-induced uveitis. We have extended these studies to investigate the induction of p75 tumour necrosis factor receptor (TNF-R) shedding, another antiinflammatory property of IL-10. In the thymus the p75 receptor was confined to medullary lymphoblasts and dendritic cells, which co-stain with the Tac protein of the interleukin-2 (IL-2) receptor. These results suggest that the hypothalamic TNF receptor 2 (p75) might play a role in obesity by modulating the actions of TNF-alpha in conditions of leptin resistance. Moreover, mice lacking p55 receptors exhibited increased degeneration of CA3 hippocampal neurons after administration of the excitotoxin kainic acid compared with wild-type mice and mice lacking p75 receptors. These results are consistent with a mechanism by which 11.4 can prime 12.4 can prime 12.4 can prime 14.5 can pr Ticells and certain thymocytes for responsiveness to IL-2 by increasing IL-2R p75 chain gene expression, independent of general T cell activation. Here we examined their roles in regulating the cell-surface transport of apical p75 neurotrophin receptor (p75NTR), basolateral low-density lipoprotein receptor (LDLR), and tight junctional Claudin-1 using transport assay in non-polarized fibroblasts. The enhancement of chemotactic response and heparanase production was detected at NGF concentrations sufficient to fully saturate both low- and high-affinity NGF receptors (NGFR), the neurotrophin receptor (p75) and the trkA gene product, respectively. Pretreatment with 250 micrograms of the p75 construct delayed but did not avert death in this model, reducing peak bioactive TNF-alpha levels after infection from 76.4 ng ml-1 in control mice to 4.7 ng ml-1 in the treated group (p < 0.05, two-sample t test).

Contact with the tumor cells stimulated <u>NK cells</u> to proliferate, secrete <u>IFN-gamma</u> , <u>TNF-alpha</u> , and soluble IL-2R, up-regulate cell surface expression of IL2R p55 and <u>p75</u> as well as CD16 Ag, and mediate higher levels of antitumor activity in 51Cr-release assays.	:	<u>*</u>
The domain structure of <u>DAMAGE</u> is similar to that of <u>NRAGE</u> , a MAGE protein that mediates <u>p75</u> neurotrophin receptor signaling and neuronal apoptosis (Salehi, A. H., Roux, P. P., Kubu, C. J., Zeindler, C., Bhakar, A., Tannis, L. L., Verdi, J. M., and Barker, P. A. (2000) <u>Neuron</u> 27, 279-288).		
The <u>p75</u> low-affinity neurotrophin receptor (p75(LNTR)) appears to have various functions that include enhancing <u>nerve growth factor</u> (NGF)-mediated survival by increasing <u>TrkA</u> (high-affinity <u>NGF receptor</u> ) efficiency, and mediating apoptosis by acting as a ligand-regulated pro-apoptotic receptor.	:	<b></b>
In addition, NGF induced autophosphorylation of <u>TrkA</u> and could substitute for granulocyte-monocyte <u>colony-stimulating factor</u> to trigger the proliferation of the TF1 <u>cell line</u> , with a half-maximal signal observed at 50 pmol/L, indicating that <u>p75</u> is not required for DNA synthesis in this <u>cell line</u> .		***
The major products of translation of full-size 35S polyadenylylated virion RNA were gag-related polyproteins of 75,000, 105,000, and 180,000 daltons ( <u>P75, P105</u> , and <u>P180</u> , respectively).		**
Overexpression of <u>p75</u> translocated <u>necdin</u> and <u>MAGE-G1</u> in the proximity of the plasma membrane and reduced their association with <u>E2F1</u> to facilitate E2F1-induced death of neuroblastoma cells.		
Transfected NIH 3T3 cells express two 3611-MSV-specific polyproteins (P75 and P80), both of which contain NH2-terminal gag gene-encoded components linked to the acquired sequence (v-raf) translational product.		*
However, it should be kept in mind that <u>cytokines</u> were also argued to provide beneficial effects in <u>brain injury</u> as inferred from studies with TNF-receptor knock-out mice ( <u>p55</u> and <u>p75</u> knock-out), which display increased sensitivity to <u>brain ischemia</u> , and the capacity of <u>iL-1</u> to elicit the state of ischemic tolerance upon repeated administration.		***
In contrast, <u>p75(-/-)</u> knockout mice exhibited exacerbated EAE, enhanced <u>Th1</u> cytokine production, and enhanced <u>CD4(+)</u> and <u>F4/80</u> (+) CNS infiltration.		*:
Expression of <u>p75, TrkA, TrkB</u> and <u>TrkC</u> was examined in mouse retinas by means immunohistochemistry in the postnatal development of normal and rd/rd mice (C57BL/6J).		
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<u>IL-2 receptor</u> expression in autoimmune MRL-lpr/lpr mice. The expanded <u>L3T4-, Lyt-2-</u> population does not express <u>p75</u> and cannot generate functional high-affinity <u>IL-2 receptors</u> .		
Here we show by microsequencing that the <u>peptides</u> derived from the purified <u>p75</u> and <u>p85</u> subunits of NHP1 from <u>HeLa cells</u> have between 64 and 100% identity with the human Ku <u>autoantigen</u> .		***
This study was undertaken to analyze the occurrence of low- (p75) and high-affinity (TrkA, TrkB and TrkC) neurotrophin receptor proteins in human and mouse salivary glands using immunohistochemistry.	<u></u> :	
Tumour necrosis factor (TNF), jointly referring to <u>TNF alpha</u> and <u>TNF beta</u> , is a central mediator of immune and inflammatory responses; its activities are mediated by two distinct receptors, <u>TNFR1</u> (p55) and <u>TNFR2</u> (p75) (reviewed in refs 1-3).		

Furthermore, we correlated MMP-13/TIMP-1 RNA abundance with activation of the transcription factors <u>AP-1</u> and <u>NF-kappaB</u> in the lungs of C57BL/6 mice, and of mice deficient in one of the two types of <u>TNFR</u> (<u>p55</u>(-/-) or <u>p75</u>(-/-)), exposed to silica (0.2 g/kg) or saline by intratracheal instillation.



Recently, it was reported that the IL-2R (whose <u>p75</u> beta-subunit shares sequence homology with a known murine IL-3R subunit and a common beta-subunit of the human IL-3R and <u>granulocyte-macrophage colony-stimulating factor [GM-CSF]</u> receptors) can physically associate with and regulate the activity of the SRC-family PTK, <u>p56-LCK</u>.



LPS induces secretion of <u>IL-12 p40</u>, but not of <u>IL-12 p75</u>, as detected by specific <u>ELISA</u>.



Of these, only p75 and a trace of p85 were detected, by immunoblotting, in extracts derived from ML-1 cell nuclei.



Silica upregulated expression of the p75 receptor, but not the p55 receptor, in the C57BL/6, BALB/c, and 129/J mice.



The <u>p75</u> neurotrophin receptor serves as a receptor for all known neurotrophins, including NGF, <u>BDNF</u>, <u>NT-3</u>, and <u>NT-4/5</u>.



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A role for <u>p75</u> neurotrophin receptor in the control of apoptosis-driven <u>hair</u> follicle regression.

To examine the mechanisms that underlie the neurotrophin-induced, apoptosisdriven hair follicle involution (catagen), the expression and function of p75 neurotrophin receptor (p75NTR), which is implicated in apoptosis control, were studied during spontaneous catagen development in murine skin. By RT-PCR. high steady-state p75NTR mRNA skin levels were found during the anagencatagen transition of the hair follicle. By immunohistochemistry, p75NTR alone was strongly expressed in TUNEL+/Bcl2- keratinocytes of the regressing outer root sheath, but both p75NTR and TrkB and/or TrkC were expressed by the nonregressing TUNEL-/Bcl2+ secondary hair germ keratinocytes. To determine whether p75NTR is functionally involved in catagen control, spontaneous catagen development was compared in vivo between p75NTR knockout (-/-) and wild-type mice. There was significant catagen retardation in p75NTR knockout mice as compared to wild-type controls (P<0.05). Instead, transgenic mice-overexpressing NGF (promoter: 154) showed substantial acceleration of catagen (P<0.001). Although NGF, brain-derived neurotrophic factor (BDNF), and neurotrophin 3 (NT-3) accelerated catagen in the organcultured skin of C57BL/6 mice, these neurotrophins failed to promote catagen development in the organ-cultured p75NTR null skin. These findings suggest that p75NTR signaling is involved in the control of kerotinocyte apoptosis during catagen and that pharmacological manipulation of p75NTR signaling may prove useful for the treatment of hair disorders that display premature entry into catagen.

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